IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) Composite silicone rubber particles comprising silicone rubber particles A and silicone rubber particles B, wherein the surfaces of said particles A are covered with said particles B having sizes smaller than sizes of said particles A.

2. (Original) The composite silicone rubber particles of claim 1, wherein said silicone rubber particles A are spherical in shape.

3. (Original) The composite silicone rubber particles of claim 1, wherein the average particle size of said silicone rubber particles A is at least five times greater than the average particle size of said silicone rubber particles B.

4. (Previously Presented) The composite silicone rubber particles of claim 1, wherein the average particle size of said silicone rubber particles A is 1 to 500 μ m and the average particle size of said silicone-rubber particles B is 0.01 to 50 μ m.

5. (Original) The composite silicone rubber particles of claim 1, wherein the hardness of said silicone rubber particles A is lower than the hardness of said silicone rubber particles B.

6. (Original) The composite silicone rubber particles of claim 1, wherein the hardness of said silicone rubber particles A measured by a type-A durometer, as specified by JIS K 6253, does not exceed 50, and wherein the hardness of said silicone rubber particles B measured by a type-A durometer, as specified by JIS K 6253, is no less than 50.

7. (Original) A method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles comprising silicone rubber particles B on the surfaces of silicone rubber particles A, said method being characterized by removing a dispersion medium from a dispersion or slurry that contains silicone rubber particles A and silicone rubber particles B having sizes smaller than those of said silicone rubber particles A.

8. (Original) The method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles according to claim 7, wherein said silicone rubber particles A are spherical in shape.

9. (Original) The method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles according to claim 7, wherein the average particle size of said silicone rubber particles A is at least five times greater than the average particle size of said silicone rubber particles B.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles according to claim 7, wherein the average particle size of said silicone rubber particles A is 1 to 500 μ m, and the average particle size of said silicone rubber particles B is 0.01 to 50 μ m.

11. (Original) The method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles according to claim 7, wherein the hardness of said silicone rubber particles A is lower than the hardness of said silicone rubber particles B.

12. (Original) The method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles according to claim 7, wherein the hardness of said silicone rubber particles A measured by a type-A durometer, as specified by JIS K 6253, does not exceed 50 and wherein the hardness of said silicone rubber particles B measured by a type-A durometer, as specified by JIS K 6253, is no less than 50.

13. (Original) The method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles according to claim 7, wherein said dispersion or slurry is aqueous.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of the composite silicone particles of claim 1, as additives in a~~ <u>A</u> material selected from the group of rubbers, plastics, coating materials, inks, waxes, and cosmetic materials<u> and comprising an additive comprising the composite silicone rubber particles of claim 1</u>.

15. (Previously Presented) The composite silicone rubber particles of claim 1, wherein said silicone rubber particles A and/or said silicone rubber particles B further comprise an optional

ingredient selected from the group of silicone oils, organosilanes, inorganic particles, and organic particles.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles according to claim 7, wherein said dispersion medium is water and said method further comprises the step of removing said water from said dispersion or slurry.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of manufacturing composite silicone rubber particles according to claim 16, wherein said water is removed from said dispersion or slurry by condensing.